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From: David Williams
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, Mar 12, 2003 1:34 AM
Subject: Please keep rules that limit media ownership

FCC Commissioners.

Please don't scrap regulations that protect small, independent, and local media voices

Please prevent media monopolies by keeping the rules in place that block companies from:

Owning TV stations and newspapers in the same market.
Controlling more than one broadcast network.
Providing *TV* broadcast services to more than 35 percent of the nation.
Owning more than eight radio stations in a single urban market.

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Thank you,
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From: Zach French
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, Mar 12, 2003 2:00 AM
Subject: fcc

no to the F.C.C. de-regulation
regarding concentratin of media.

The television and media
already huge conglomerates already;
they do not need more power.

The news doesn't cover this subject
because it suits, what else aren't
they covering?

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From: BillBrooks *****
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, mcopps%fcc.govkjmweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Mar 11, 2003 8:23 PM
Subject: <No Subject,

Dear Sirs and Ma'am,

I am VERY strongly opposed to the planned deregulation (read consolidation) of the media the variety and freedom of information that we experienced in the seventies has been greatly diminished since the first deregulation of the eighties. The only entities capable of acquiring multiple media outlets are the large corporations whose viewpoints are ruled by profits and notoriously conservative.

If these monopolies are allowed to further their agendas culture is homogenized and reduced to what is profitable, Information expressed is limited to what is best for the corporation.

Please, please, PLEASE do not continue to allow this to happen!

Please do not further deregulate the media!

Sincerely,
BillBrooks
Seattle, Washington

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TELEPHONE FILE

From: Christopher Gronbeck
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Mar 11, 2003 8:48 PM
Subject: Deregulation

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Hi...I'm a resident of Seattle, Washington. I strongly oppose efforts to deregulate media markets since the obvious impact is **less** diversity in broadcasting.

In an era where new, creative ideas are our best hope for addressing a complex future, the last thing we need is a more homogenous media. Please do everything you can to preserve multi-faceted ownership and operation of media resources.

Sincerely,

Christopher Gronbeck

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EX-100 (10/1/02) (LATE FILED)

From: dr.talovic@verizon.net
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Mar 11, 2003 9:30 PM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

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Sincerely

Sharon Talovic, Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist
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cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer

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Dorothea Salo
206 S Midvale BLVD
Madison, WI 53705

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From: Joshua Kolsky
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon. Mar 10, 2003 2:46 PM
Subject: FCC protect media independence

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Sincerely,

Joshua M. Kolsky
2728 B Olive ST NW
Washington, DC 20007

From: Mboceanwatch@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Mar 10, 2003 3:46 PM
Subject: Corporate Ownership

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NO to more deregulation.

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

From: brett
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioners
Adelstein
Date: Mon. Mar 10, 2003 4:16 PM
Subject: say NO to media deregulation

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Sincerely,

Brett Hamil

Seattle, WA

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From: Jeremy Puma
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Mar 10, 2003 5 04 PM
Subject: NO to media deregulation1

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Jeremy Puma

Seattle, WA

From: sarah kavage
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps. KM KJMWEB. Commissioner
Adelstein
Date: Mon. Mar 10, 2003 5:25 PM
Subject: say no to deregulation!

Dear members of the FCC:

I am disappointed to hear that the FCC is even considering further deregulation of media outlets, and write this letter in the hope that my voice and others' will convince the commission that deregulation is not a good idea.

I believe there are good reasons for regulating the media. The media is not a typical industry -they wield a great deal of power, and with that power comes the responsibility to the public and the communities in which these industries serve. The further deregulation of broadcasting outlets would seriously undermine the democratic ideals this country was founded upon. The speed and degree with which radio has become consolidated after 1996's loosening of ownership rules was shocking, and commercial radio today makes a mockery of public interest, diversity and good journalism.

The fact that the FCC's consideration of further media deregulation has not made it into the news only serves to illustrate the point that further consolidation will increase filtering of news stories and further marginalize journalism that does not support the corporate media's political or economic priorities.

I cannot trust that corporations, as profit-seeking entities, will not seek to streamline, nationalize, and misrepresent if consolidation is allowed to continue. Pravda may be closer than we think.

Please, I urge you to vote against any additional media deregulations. Stand up for the real public's interest, not corporate interests

Thanks,
Sarah Kavage
Seattle

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From: Jkthecat666@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon. Mar 10, 2003 6:27 PM
Subject: Proposed increased corporate ownership of airwaves - speaking against
**Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Copps,

I appreciate the opportunity to state my position on this subject, and thank you for opening up the discussion.

I strongly feel that there must be voices on the airwaves that are not bought and paid for. This is an issue that needs light shone on it. Already in America corporations have an increasing hold on our public institutions, such as public schools and correctional facilities. and the sports, theatrical and entertainment arenas now carrying names such as American Airlines and Staples, and the privatization of hospitals and health care. **We**, the public, need a forum in which to speak out and hear each other's true voices.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Judith K. Canepa
716 East 11th Street #2P
New York, NY 10009
917-534-1193

From: Julie Glover
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon. Mar 10, 2003 7:40 PM
Subject: NO on increased corporate ownership of the public airwaves

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Dear Mr. Copps.

Thank you for reaching out to the public to raise awareness about the corporate monopoly of the public airwaves

We were shocked recently when we learned that the restrictions on regional multi-media ownership had been dissolved.

We agree with Rep. Jay Inslee that it is "imperative to democracy to have equal access to all points of the agenda", and we think that the media in general is already too influenced by its corporate owners. The preservation of our democracy depends on a diversity of ownership, views and information

As one man quoted at today's hearing in Seattle pointed out, "Fewer owners means fewer chances to have our voices heard."

Thank you for this opportunity to respond

Sincerely,

Julie Glover
Robert Kenny
7292 Maxwellton Road
Clinton. WA 98236

CC: Robert Kenny

From: Roger Wheeler
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon. Mar 10, 2003 10:38 PM
Subject: Media Deregulation

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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Sir,

Please vote no on the issue of media deregulation. I firmly believe that it negates Constitutional protections which ensure freedom of speech and press. To best preserve Democracy, localism, diversity and Competition are vital. Thank you, Roger Wheeler

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From: Arnercit@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Mar 10.2003 11:47 PM
Subject: (no subject)

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To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB. Commissioner
Adelstein
Date: Tue, Mar 11, 2003 12:45 AM
Subject: Please say NO to Deregulation

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With all hope, I am ,

Zachary Lively

St Augustine, FL

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To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Mar 11, 2003 1:06 AM
Subject: Protect Children's Television1

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Sincerely,

Kelli Brase
4797 NW 76th street
Medford. Minnesota 55049-8068

cc:
Representative Gil Gutknecht
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From: Judith Katz
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri. Feb 28, 2003 1:21 AM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

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Judith L. Katz
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From: Peter Adams
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Feb 28, 2003 10:23 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership

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There hasn't been much in the news about changing the rules on broadcast ownership. I wonder why. Guess who would benefit... the people who already own the news.

As a member of the public, I am aghast at the possibility of removing all rules on the ownership of media. That is so dangerous for our democracy. You are public servants. Please serve **us** and the Constitution not the big-spending lobbyists. We do not need to create a monopoly on information.

Arlene Williams
PO Box 1329
Sparks, NV 89432

From: Laura Hershey
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Feb 28, 2003 11:58 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership

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Dear Mr. Copps,

Please do not allow a few corporations to own and control multiple media outlets in each market. Freedom of expression depends largely on the existence of a healthy, vibrant and independent media. Allowing corporate concentration of the media will lead to decreased diversity of coverage and programming, and will exclude many minority voices from the broadcast media. I strongly oppose the proposed rules changes concerning broadcast ownership. Thank you.

Laura Hershey
1466 South Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado 80210

LauraHershey@cripcommentary.com

From: mzlessin@yahoo.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri. Feb 28, 2003 2:32 PM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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Michael Lessin
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cc.
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Fortney Stark

From: Michael D. Porter
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, Mar 1, 2003 6:38 AM
Subject: Concerning latest hearings on further media consolidation...

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... I strongly object to relaxation of rules allowing further media consolidation. The 1934 Communications Act did not give the interests with the most money the right to control the airwaves and their distribution. It said, specifically, that those airwaves are the property of the people. Implicit in that law was the understanding that those airwaves would be used in the best interests of the people, rather than in the best interests of media conglomerates. Rules made by the FCC in recent years have only furthered the interests and power of media conglomerates, rather than the interests of the people. This is an easily-understood issue by those outside the houses of power in this country

If you were really interested the best interests of the people, you would insist on reinstatement of the fairness doctrine and a return to the precepts of the 1934 act, rather than insisting on rules which will inevitably reduce the people's access to news from that promoted and controlled by six or seven firms to three or four, then two or three, and, eventually, to only one.

/s/

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Michael D. Porter
Roswell, NM (yes, _that_ Roswell)
[mailto:mporter@zianet.com]

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From: A.N. Mous
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, Mar 1, 2003 9:33 AM
Subject: media regulation

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I have been following with great interest the recent testimony of witnesses in the hearing regarding ownership in the radio industry...and I think I have something to add. To begin with, my note is anonymous because I work at one of the big companies, and there is intense pressure NOT to oppose the company's party line. If it was known that I wrote this, I would be fired.

In short, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 is a disaster. It's devastating impact on the music industry has been eloquently addressed. But the problems go so much deeper than that...right to the very heart of the "American Way "

Clear Channel, for example, owns many radio and t.v. news departments. Consolidation has meant that news departments are just that -- consolidated.

Many people were fired...far fewer people have been hired, and those who are hired are often paid less than \$20,000 a year. Ultimately, when the pay went down and jobs disappeared...so did quality talent. What does this mean to America? Everyone gets their news from the same source, news staffs are stretched far too thin and cannot investigate anything, and the people that are willing to work for that kind of money are anything but the best and the brightest. Therefore American voters are not getting what they need to make informed choices...and democracy is dying. People complain that they are getting fluff instead of news...and they are correct. News departments don't have the staff to provide anything else. Consolidation has made a bad situation untenable. Maybe that is good news for seated lawmakers, but it is very bad news for voters.

Even as I write this, I can hear (literally) management chuckling because they say this hearing is a show. They say they know the media conglomerates have lawmakers in their pockets. They snicker that -- in fact -- restrictions are about to be loosened further so they can gobble up more property. Are they correct?

I said earlier in my note that I am anonymous because I do not want to be fired. Why not quit if you don't approve, you ask? There is ultimately nowhere else to go. If you are a radio professional, and you get fired from a biggie that owns almost all of the properties in almost every market, you have committed professional suicide. Is that the "American Way?"

Now listen to some of the stations with proud histories of innovation, and I guarantee you'll find that across the country...no matter where you listen...they sound the same now.

Was that what the F.C.C. was hoping for when the Telecommunications Act of 1996 became law?

I hope not.

Most of us on the inside feel this way

Thank you for your time.

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From: Rosanne Armstrong
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Date: Sat, Mar 1, 2003 4:39 PM
Subject: Multi Media Ownership in one market

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Dear Mr. Copps,

Having a background with twenty two years in the broadcast industry, I feel I have an authentic claim in the concern of multiple media ownership. There was a time when the broadcast industry, radio in particular, that the varied offerings on the radio dial were as unique and different as its owners. Now we have a diminished, dull, and bland choice of offerings. This is only concerning entertainment and information. IF more and more media companies are consumed by the "Media Giants" Freedom of the Press, and Freedom of Speech will become "Freedom of the Press according to....."media giant" and "Freedom of Speech" according to....."media giant".

In this age a rush to cloning....we have it already in media....a lot of the same stuff with no trace of individualism. Can anything be done to reverse the harm that already been imposed?

Thank you

Rosanne Armstrong
Boston, Massachusetts

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From: bodners
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, Mar 5, 2003 6:10 PM
Subject: Biennial Regulatory Review of Broadcast Ownership Rules

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Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

I am very alarmed by the prospect that the FCC will consider relaxing the regulations that, among other things, prohibit a ~~newspaper~~ from owning radio or tv stations in the same city as the newspaper. Recent changes in FCC regulations have already resulted in a lack of diversity on radio as more and more stations are bought up by large media conglomerates.

Freedom of the press will be an empty promise if just a few major corporations control the overwhelming majority of media outlets. I am not interested in "efficiency" or bottom-line returns when it comes to getting my news. I am interested in getting a broad spectrum of views and facts from as many independent sources as possible.

The airwaves are not the property of business; they belong to the public. We no longer (if ever we did) live in a time when "what's good for General Motors is good for America". We did not defeat the Communist empire in order to emulate its attitude about the news. Control of the news, whether by government or a private industry monopoly, spells the end of freedom.

I strongly urge you to reject any further relaxation of the rules governing media outlet ownership,

Sheila Bodner
Arlington, VA
SBodner

From: John H. Flannigan
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Mar 6, 2003 10:06 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

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John H. Flannigan (jhflan@aol.com) writes:

I completely agree with the concerns of Commissioner Michael J. Copps that the FCC's proposed rewriting of regulations governing consolidation of media outlets is entirely too open-and-shut given the seriousness of the matter.

In the Chicago market, for example, the effect on diversity and localism of only two conglomerates, The Tribune Corp. and the Disney Corp., has been catastrophic, particularly with respect to balanced news reporting. It is too much to expect these media giants to "rat" on themselves, and so the consumer is treated to a long string of bland, non-controversial news and truly insipid "entertainment."

If this trend is allowed to continue, the ability of the average citizen to know, let alone judge, the seriousness of important news events will be entirely compromised.

I urge you to slow down the review process and listen carefully to what all sides involved with this serious question are saying.

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From: Crystal Huyett
To: Commissioner Adelstein
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I had a very rude surprise this week. I was told about the de-regulation regarding the concentration of media that is now being considered. Why did I hear this from word of mouth and not from any media coverage? I know of only one discussion of this issue and that was on the CBS program Now. Why is such a life changing (nation changing) issue being swept under the rug? I feel I have no say in the state of my own democracy.

If you can give me more information on where my opinion can be heard, such as a hearing schedule, it would be much appreciated. I am already aware of the field hearing in Seattle 3/7/03 but I live in southern CA and am hoping I will have a chance to express my opinion as well

Please send me any information you can, this scares me far more then the impending war.

Thank You,
Crystal Huyett

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From: David LaFontaine
To: Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB. Michael Capps, Mike
Powell
Date: Thu. Mar 6, 2003 8:29 PM
Subject: Concentrated Media ownership - please vote no

Federal Communications Commission
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I don't expect anyone to really read beyond the header to this message, because your e-mailboxes will probably be clogged with millions of Spam messages from high-paid media conglomerate lobbyists.

However, let me add my voice, as weak as it is, to the faint chorus shouting "NO!" on this issue. Deregulation has proven to be disastrous to radio. And as we have seen in California, it's not such a good idea for the electric/power industry either.

Having worked in the media, for newspapers, magazines and television stations for more than 20 years, I can say that the single most noxious, frustrating and harmful to the public trend has been the corporatization of the media. The media affects how we see the world; that in turn affects our actions (or inactions) which in turns leads us into some dark alleys. Many of these are turning out to be in places like the Middle East, where our ignorance of political realities can be traced to corporate media's obsession with bottom-line profit - force-feeding the public mindless swill while studiously ignoring information that is essential.

The old excuse - "we only give the public what it wants" just won't wash here. News judgements should be made by people - not by what focus groups and demographic studies dictate.

If television/media are to actually live up to the dictum that they are to "broadcast in the public interest and good" (bad paraphrase, but bear with me on this one) should they not actually do something for the good of the public once in a while, rather than strictly for the good of their own already-bulging wallets?

For god's sake, vote no.

David LaFontaine

From: Carla Conrardy
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps. KM KJMWEB. Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Mar 6, 2003 10:48 PM
Subject: PUBLIC HEARING ON MEDIA CONCENTRATION

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Dear Chairman and Commissioners of the FCC:

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Re. Field Hearing Set for Friday, March 7 in Seattle, WA

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I am writing to express my views on the topics being discussed at the hearing scheduled in Seattle regarding media concentration. I am a concerned citizen who is not able to attend the hearing you have scheduled in Seattle, Washington (I live in Colorado!).

I ask that you not allow media consolidation of television, radio and newspapers for two reasons. My first reason is that many jobs would be lost due to such consolidation. I am concerned that the large media companies who are supporting media consolidation are planning to cut many jobs in order to provide themselves and their stockholders with short-term profits. While large media companies may argue that this would be good for the economy; profits gained solely for this purpose are not long-term. Corporate profits do not justify the number of jobs that would be lost due to media consolidation.

My second reason is in regards to the quality and quantity of information we receive because there are separate news rooms for newspapers, radio and television. Please look at the reasons that originally shaped the decision to keep these various medias separate. These were good reasons. Knowing that there **is** competition keeps **us** working harder and doing a better job. Obviously, I am not a reporter, writing isn't my thing. But I do appreciate good writing and good reporting and getting my news from various sources. Losing this variety due to media consolidation gives me less confidence about the future quality and quantity of the information that will be available to the average citizen.

As **is** noted in your hearing notice, this is an issue that will have a major impact on all of us for many years to come. I appreciate your time and consideration. Please do not rush your decision.

Respectfully,

Carla Conrardy

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To: Michael Copps
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Subject: FCC rule change

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Dear Commissioner Copps,

I am very concerned about the proposed rule change which would allow a single company to own a TV station, radio station, and newspaper in the same market.

The concentration of media ownership in a few large companies is a disturbing trend. As more independent stations and newspapers are forced out of the market, because they can't compete with giant corporations, we, the consumers, are deprived of a healthy competition between viewpoints. In our democracy all our freedoms depend on this healthy flow of competing ideas. This is a bedrock principle.

Please do not allow this principle to be further weakened. Please vote no on the pending proposal. Please begin to reverse this concentration of media ownership. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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From: ltorti@comcast.net
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Subject: Against increased corporate ownership of the public airwaves

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Dear Mr. Copps.

Thank you for reaching out to the public to raise awareness about the corporate monopoly of the public airwaves.

I was shocked recently when I learned that the restrictions on regional multi-media ownership had been dissolved.

I agree with Rep. Jay Inslee that it is "imperative to democracy to have equal access to all points of the agenda", and I think that the media in general is already too influenced by its corporate owners. The preservation of our democracy depends on a diversity of ownership, views and information

As one man quoted at today's hearing in Seattle pointed out, "Fewer owners means fewer chances to have our voices heard."

Thank you for this opportunity to respond.

Sincerely

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Relaxation or abandonment of the preceding rules will result in the purchase of local and independent newspapers and radio and television stations by large media giants. The cost to the American People and Democracy will be far too high if local news, reportorial freedom and access to a true variety of legitimate views are further compromised.

Commissioner, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely

Terese Lawler

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Dear Commissioner:

We are experiencing too much control of our media by too few companies, controlled by too few people, and with too little diversity or perspective in programming. The current system is unfair to consumers and threatens our democracy. Please fix the system so it has the best interests of consumers and democracy in mind, not the best interests of corporations in mind.

Thank you for your help

Sincerely.

Catherine Workman

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I am writing to OPPOSE increased corporate ownership of the airwaves. We need diversity, lack of commercial bias, alternative voices. This is essential to a democracy--which is quickly slipping away.

Sincerely,
Joyce **Reeves**
Woodstock. **NY**

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To Chairperson Michael K. Powell and fellow Commissioners,

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I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited. As it now stands, I very rarely see or hear my views represented in any national media. I fear the proposed changes will only make things worse.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is a central pillar of our democracy; the founders of the country believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If FCC policy changes to allow national media "market share" to be concentrated among still fewer "competitors," the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised

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I strongly urge the FCC to pay attention to the public comments received at public hearings in Richmond, New York, Seattle (thanks to Commissioners Copps and Adelstein for their attendance in my city), Durham and, hopefully, in other cities around the nation. I think it is important for the FCC to consider not only the points of view of those with a financial stake in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest

Thank you,

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